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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6678**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 271

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 13, 2015

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 12, 2015

**SUBJECT:** College and Career Counseling Grant.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Kruse

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill establishes the College and Career Readiness Certificate Grant to assist school counselors in obtaining a college and career readiness certificate from an approved postsecondary educational institution.

The establishes the College and Career Readiness Certificate Grant Fund. It requires a postsecondary educational institution that accepts applicants to conduct research into the impact of certification on student outcomes.

The bill makes an appropriation.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2015.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The bill creates the College and Career Readiness Certificate Grant. The grant is to be used to pay part of the cost for a school counselor to obtain a college and career readiness certificate at an approved postsecondary educational institution. Each qualified counselor would receive a \$2,000 grant. The bill limits to 50 the number of counselors who can receive grants each year.

To qualify for a grant:

1. The applicant must be a school counselor at a secondary school.
2. The applicant, the local school corporation, or both would have to pay the remaining costs.

The bill appropriates \$100,000 each year in FY 2016 and FY 2017 to fund the grant program.

State educational institutions could incur additional cost conducting research into the impact of college and career readiness certifications on student outcomes.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) School corporations could have some additional expense if corporations choose to provide funding for a school counselor to obtain a College and Career Readiness Certificate in addition to the grant funding.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Commission for Higher Education; State educational institutions.

**Local Agencies Affected:** School corporations.

**Information Sources:**

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